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SUBJECT: ILO: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TSURUMI'S CANDIDACY FOR  
PRESIDENT OF MARITIME CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) STATE 163097; (B) TOKYO 9862

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIRECTOR  
NAKAMURA CALLED IN LABATT JULY 6 TO DISCUSS CANDIDACY OF  
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TSURUMI FOR PRESIDENCY OF ILO MARITIME  
CONFERENCE. NAKAMURA SAID THAT UN BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL MURAKAMI HAD CALLED IN NORWEGIAN CHARGE IN TOKYO  
JULY 4 TO ASK FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT OF TSURUMI CANDIDACY.  
JAPANESE EMBASSY OSLO MAKING FORMAL APPROACH TO NORWEGIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTRY TODAY. NAKAMURA ADDED THAT JAPANESE USING FOLLOWING THREE  
ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF TSURUMI CANDIDACY: (A) JAPAN IS MAJOR  
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MARITIME POWER, (B) JAPAN ALREADY HAS SUPPORT OF MOST OF ASIAN

GROUP AND (C) WESTERN EUROPEANS HAVE CHAIRED MANY ILO GOVERNING BODY AND GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO NAKAMURA, IN CERTAIN CAPITALS JAPANESE WILL URGE SUPPORT ON ADDITIONAL GROUNDS THAT IF ELECTION OF TSURUMI IS NOT ASSURED, A "TROUBLESOME" EASTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATE MIGHT EMERGE. IN ANY CASE, ALL JAPANESE EMBASSIES IN ILO MEMBER STATES WILL RECEIVE BY END OF WEEK NOTES VERBAL FOR TRANSMISSION TO HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. NAKAMURA SAID THAT FORMAL REQUEST FOR USG SUPPORT BEING MADE IN GENEVA AND WASHINGTON BUT REMINDED LABATT THAT JAPANESE DECISION TO FIELD TSURUMI CANDIDACY PROMPTED INLARGE PART BY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN'S SUGGESTION TO DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO IN FEBRUARY.

3. NAKAMURA ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CURRENT USG EVALUATION OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO ILO FOLLOWING GENERAL CONFERENCE AND WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE. NAKAMURA SAID MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MIGHT SUGGEST INCLUSION OF ILO ON AGENDA OF FORTHCOMING US-JAPAN UN TALKS (TOKYO 9103), EVEN THOUGH SUCH TALKS USUALLY LIMITED TO UNGA QUESTIONS. MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BELIEVES THAT "INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES" STOOD TOGETHER AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL LABOR MEETINGS, THEREBY FULFILLING WHAT JAPANESE INTERPRETED AS AT LEAST ONE CONDITION FOR CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION IN ILO. NAKAMURA NOTED JUNE 19 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY A. J. RASKIN WHICH MAKES SAME POINT AND WONDERED WHETHER USG SHARES THIS VIEW.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSESSMENT OF RECENT ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND WEC WHICH WE COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING CONSULTATION WITH GOJ ON ILO MATTERS. HODGSON

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